

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 18, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 17, 2009; provided further, that the first hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Republicans controlling the first half hour and the Majority controlling the second half.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—379)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13341.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America;

H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village;

S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen's associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry;

A resolution to authorize watershed projects in Massachusetts and West Virginia; and

The nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit:* Senators Stabenow (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Nelson (NE), Casey, Bennet, Cornyn, Cochran, McConnell, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology:* Senators Bennet (Chair), Conrad, Nelson (NE), Brown, Klobuchar, Stabenow, Gillibrand, Thune, Lugar, Roberts, Johanns, Grassley, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition, and Family Farms:* Senators Brown (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Baucus, Stabenow, Casey, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support:* Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Conrad, Baucus, Brown, Roberts, Cochran, Johanns, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant & Animal Health:* Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Klobuchar, Johanns, Lugar, McConnell, and Roberts.

Senator Lincoln and Senator Chambliss serve as ex officio members of all subcommittees.

### JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the assessment by the Joint Estimating Team of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Christine H. Fox, Director, and Frederick Janicki, Division Director, Weapons Systems Cost Analysis Division, both of the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Major General David R. Heinz, USMC, Program Executive Officer, Joint Strike Fighter Program, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: